BILL: **W2017-SB6**

TITLE: **FREE TAMPONS CAMPAIGN**

SPONSOR: **Karina Toy, President**

DATE: **January 15, 2017**

Whereas the Student Government Association (SGA) of Middlebury College believes in the importance of feminine hygiene and menstrual equity;

Whereas tampons and pads are not luxuries, but necessities that should be available to all who need them;

Whereas periods have been stigmatized in our society for too long;

Whereas according to Facilities Services, the estimate to convert the 54 tampon dispensers to "free dispensing" costs approximately $1,000;

Whereas according to Facilities Services, the average annual cost of product for existing dispensers is $500 a year;

Whereas these products are not only used by students, but faculty, staff and guests of the College;

Whereas the College has agreed to provide funding for this initiative, covering the cost from 2018 onwards;

Therefore, let it be enacted…

That, the SGA will cover the cost of converting the existing tampon dispensers ($1,000) as well as the rest of the costs of product for this financial year ('17-'18, approximately $500), giving administration enough time to find other revenue streams and cover the cost from 2018 onwards.

Vote Count

In favor:	President Toy, Senator Cohen, Senator Waddell, Senator Duran (proxy), Senator Schoel, Senator Aaron, Senator Goldfield, Senator Hayes, Senator Ou (proxy), Senator Wright, Senator McCormick, Senator Andrew, Senator McCarthy
Opposed:	None
Abstained:	None
Absent:	Speaker Lantigua, Senator Pustejovsky, Senator Boyle

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